



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY APRIL 08, 2016: 1:30 P.M.

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2. The Audited Financial Statement of the Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited for the financial year ended September 30, 2015.
(By the Minister of Finance who will move that the Report be referred to the Public Accounts [Enterprises] Committee)
3. The Administrative Report of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for the period 2011 to 2012.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
4. The Administrative Report of the Princes Town Regional Corporation for the period 2012 to 2013.
(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)
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Motions:

1. **WHEREAS** it is provided by subsection (3) of section 4 of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Act, that as soon as may be after the Elections and Boundaries Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") has submitted a report under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4 of the said Act, the Minister shall lay before the House of Representatives for its approval the draft of an Order by the President for giving effect, whether with or without modifications, to the recommendations contained in the report:

AND WHEREAS the Commission has submitted a report to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4:

AND WHEREAS the draft of an Order entitled the "Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2016" giving effect to the recommendations of the Commission was laid before the House of Representatives on the 11th day of March, 2016:

BE IT RESOLVED that the draft of the "Elections and Boundaries Commission (Local Government and Tobago House of Assembly) Order, 2016" be approved.

(By the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government)

Bills Second Reading:

1. **The debate on the following Bill which was adjourned on Friday April 01, 2016, will be resumed:**

A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Strategic Services Agency Act, Chap. 15:06, to expand the functions of the Strategic Services Agency”.

(By the Attorney General)

2. A Bill entitled, “An Act to amend the Remedies of Creditors Act, Chap. 8:09”.

(By the Minister of Finance)

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the First Report of the Joint Select Committee on Government Assurances.

(By the Member for Laventille East/Morvant)

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this House adopt the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

(By the Member for Diego Martin North/East)

PRIVATE BUSINESS

Motions:

1. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday February 26, 2016, will be resumed:**

WHEREAS it has been widely acknowledged internationally and/or locally that approximately 8 to 10% of children and adults suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD);

AND WHEREAS lack of diagnosis results in such children in preschools, primary and secondary schools being described as unmanageable, impetuous and possessing bad behaviour;

AND WHEREAS the interventions into such dysfunctional behaviour can be described to be less than successful;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Education initiate a programme in schools to:

1. identify children with ADD/ADHD;
2. train teachers to manage such students in the classroom; and
3. implement a long-term strategy in schools to assist children, so identified.

(By the Member for Tabaquite)

2. **The debate on the following Motion which was adjourned on Friday January 22, 2016, will be resumed:**

WHEREAS from 2010 to 2015, the People's Partnership Government (the former government) provided core textbooks and workbooks to all students in early childhood centres, primary schools and secondary schools and learning material to special needs students, at no cost to parents;

AND WHEREAS a commitment was made by the former government to continue this arrangement for the academic year 2015 to 2016;

AND WHEREAS there was a further commitment made by the former government that for the academic year 2015 to 2016 E-books would be introduced on a phased basis in Forms 1 and 2 in selected subject areas;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has not provided new text books, workbooks, learning material or replacements for the academic year 2015 to 2016 which has resulted in financial hardship for families and loss of educational material for both students and teachers;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Government take urgent steps to ensure that all students are provided with textbooks, workbooks and/or other learning material in fulfillment of commitments given for the academic year 2015 to 2016.

(By the Member for Caroni East)

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NOTICE OF URGENT QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 27 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Ministers concerned.

**1. To the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries:
(By the Member for Mayaro)**

In light of the recent incident where a Forest Ranger died from injuries sustained while battling a bush fire, could the Minister indicate what steps is his Ministry taking to better protect personnel responsible for dealing with bush fires?

**2. To the Minister of Labour and Small Enterprise Development:
(By the Member for Couva South)**

Given all the urgent issues concerning the payment of pensions to retrenched workers of the now defunct Arcelor Mittal Steel Plant, could the Minister state whether her Ministry intends to provide some relief to these former workers who are now in desperate straits?

**3. To the Minister of National Security:
(By the Member for Oropouche West)**

Having regard to recent incidents of prison outbreaks and the alarming news about the conditions in Remand Yard what does his Ministry intend to do about the overcrowding at the prisons which is now at a critical level?

**4. To the Minister of Health:
(By the Member for Fyzabad)**

Can the Minister update this House and the national community on the new steps being taken by his Ministry in fighting the Zika virus in Trinidad and Tobago?

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NOTICE OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS

The under-mentioned Questions which have been accepted by the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order 26 are hereby forwarded for the attention of the Prime Minister.

1. In light of the receipt of funds from the European Union to pay for cane farmers, could the Prime Minister indicate when will the cane farmers receive the balance of their payments?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
2. Could the Prime Minister, as head of the National Security Council advise what steps have been taken by his Government to treat with the possible and/or eventual return of T&T nationals fighting with ISIS?
(By the Member for Oropouche West)
3. Could the Prime Minister state his Government's plan to deal with illegal immigrant workers in this country?
(By the Member for St. Augustine)
4. Is the Government considering any mechanisms to increase our foreign exchange inflows, and if so, what?
(By the Member for Naparima)
5. Does the Prime Minister agree that it would have been more prudent for the Office of the Prime Minister to defer the purchase of a new Official vehicle for the Prime Minister, valued at approximately TT\$2 million, given the present state of the economy?
(By the Member for Tabaquite)
6. Could the Prime Minister advise what is the policy used to enable your Government to guarantee Grand Bay Limited, a private company, access to a \$30 million loan?
(By the Member for Oropouche East)
7. Could the Prime Minister give the reasons for the abrupt and unexplained recent resignation of the former Chairman of state-owned CNMG?
(By the Member for Oropouche East)
8. Could the Prime Minister state whether his Government has any plans to decrease the overall cost of doing business in order to increase overall market efficiency in Trinidad and Tobago and is so, provide a brief explanation?
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)
9. Could the Prime Minister state his Government's plan to encourage more small and medium sized businesses to aggressively expand their export of goods and services?
(By the Member for Mayaro)

10. Could the Prime Minister state the measures his Government intends on taking to improve local agricultural productivity and thus decrease the country's reliance on food imports?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
11. Could the Prime Minister state the steps his Government has taken to improve the murder detection rate?
(By the Member for Siparia)
12. Could the Prime Minister state whether there are at present, any audits, special, forensic or otherwise, being conducted in State Enterprises or Statutory Bodies, as directed by the Executive?
(By the Member for Tabaquite)
13. Could the Prime Minister please state whether he supports the expressed view of the Minister of Education that under the former Government there was a certain level of bias in the granting of scholarships?
(By the Member for Caroni East)
14. Is the Prime Minister able to tell this House what is the quantum of foreign exchange reserves held by the Central Bank as at today's date?
(By the Member for Pointe-a-Pierre)
15. Could the Prime Minister explain to this House the possible implications for the country's limited foreign exchange reserves, in light of his Government's consideration of offering US dollar loans to local manufacturers through the EXIM Bank to be repaid in local currency?
(By the Member for St. Augustine)
16. Could the Prime Minister state his Government's plan to address the challenges of reduced energy prices?
(By the Member for Caroni Central)
17. Is the Prime Minister concerned that the paralyzed state of the local economy may be forcing many citizens to consider migratory options?
(By the Member for Princes Town)
18. In light of widespread public speculation on the removal of the fuel subsidy and in order to provide some measure of reassurance to citizens, could the Prime Minister please state what is his Government's immediate and present position on this matter?
(By the Member for Caroni East)

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